

Onyx Dkt No. ONYX1047.DIV
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Remarks

I. Addressing The Examiner's Rejections of the Claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 14, 16, 17, 29-32, and 41-47 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, asserting that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The Examiner has rejected claims 14, 16, 17, 29-32, 32 [*sic*], 33, 35-47 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, asserting that the specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims.

Applicants maintain that the claims comply with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, in view of the arguments and amendments of record in the present application. However, in an effort to facilitate prosecution, applicants cancel herein the claims not indicated as allowable by the Examiner (with the exception of claims 33 and 35-40 which should now be allowable in view of applicants' amendment incorporating the limitation of allowed claim 34 into base claim 33).

II. Notice of Allowance.

In view of applicants' amendments to the claims, applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and define an invention that is patentable over the art. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

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If the Examiner notes any further matters that the Examiner believes may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (650) 70-9030.

Respectfully submitted,

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